

# State Estimation for Robotics Solution

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My personal solution of exercises in "State Estimation for Robotics", D. Barfoot.

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## 1 Chapter 2. Primer on Probability Theory

### 1.1 2.5.1

Let  $\mathbf{u} = [u_1, \dots, u_n]^T$ ,  $\mathbf{v} = [v_1, \dots, v_n]^T$ , we have

$$\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v} = u_1 v_1 + u_2 v_2 + \dots + u_n v_n$$

and

$$\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{u} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 u_1 & \dots & \dots & v_1 u_n \\ \vdots & v_2 u_2 & & \vdots \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \vdots \\ v_n u_1 & \dots & \dots & v_n u_n \end{bmatrix}.$$

It is clear that  $\mathbf{u}^T \mathbf{v} = \text{tr}(\mathbf{v}^T \mathbf{u})$ .

### 1.2 2.5.2

Recapping the equation (2.29),

$$I(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = H(\mathbf{x}) + H(\mathbf{y}) - H(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}).$$

For two independent variables  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$ , we have

$$I(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = 0.$$

Then, it is clear that

$$H(\mathbf{x}) + H(\mathbf{y}) = H(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}).$$

### 1.3 2.5.3

For a Gaussian random variable,  $\mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$ , Its covariance matrix could be presented

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\Sigma} &= E\{(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T\} \\ &= E\{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T\} - 2E\{\mathbf{x}\boldsymbol{\mu}^T\} + \boldsymbol{\mu}\boldsymbol{\mu}^T \\ &= E\{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T\} - \boldsymbol{\mu}\boldsymbol{\mu}^T. \end{aligned}$$

We rewrite it as

$$E\{\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T\} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma} + \boldsymbol{\mu}\boldsymbol{\mu}^T.$$

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Product of  $K$  Gaussian PDFs could be written

$$\begin{aligned}
& \eta \prod_{k=1}^K \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k) \right) \\
&= \eta \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^K (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k)^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_k) \right) \\
&= \eta \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \left( \mathbf{x}^T \sum_{i=1}^K \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{-1} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^T \sum_{k=1}^K \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_k - \left( \sum_{k=1}^K \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{-1} \right) \mathbf{x} + \sum_{k=1}^K \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_k \right) \right) \\
&= \eta \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \left( \mathbf{x}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu} - \boldsymbol{\mu}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \mathbf{x} + \sum_{k=1}^K \boldsymbol{\mu}_k^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_k \right) \right),
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} = \sum_{k=1}^K \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{-1}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu} = \sum_{k=1}^K \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_k$ . Therefor for  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$ , we have

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \sum_{k=1}^K \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu}_k,$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\Sigma} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} = \mathbf{I}$ . Then we have

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\mu} = \sum_{k=1}^K (\boldsymbol{\mu}_k^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_k^{-1}) \boldsymbol{\Sigma}$$

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Let  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_i, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i$  denote the mean and variance of variable  $\mathbf{x}_i$ . As  $\forall i, j \in [1, K], i \neq j, \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{x}_j$  are statistically independent. We have  $E[(\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i)(\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i)^T] = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i$  and  $E[(\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i)(\mathbf{x}_j - \boldsymbol{\mu}_j)^T] = \mathbf{0}$ . The mean of  $\mathbf{x}$  rewrite

$$E[\mathbf{x}] = \sum_{(i=1)}^K \omega_i E[\mathbf{x}_i] = \sum_{(i=1)}^K \omega_i \boldsymbol{\mu}_i = \boldsymbol{\mu}$$

The variance of  $\mathbf{x}$  could be presented

$$\begin{aligned}
Var(\mathbf{x}) &= E[(\omega_1(\mathbf{x}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1) + \cdots + \omega_K(\mathbf{x}_K - \boldsymbol{\mu}_K))(\omega_1(\mathbf{x}_1 - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1) + \cdots + \omega_K(\mathbf{x}_K - \boldsymbol{\mu}_K))^T] \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^K \omega_i^2 E\{(\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i)(\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i)^T\} + \sum_{\forall i, j \in [1, K], i \neq j} \omega_i \omega_j E\{(\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i)(\mathbf{x}_j - \boldsymbol{\mu}_j)^T\} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^K \omega_i^2 E\{(\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i)(\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_i)^T\} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^K \omega_i^2 \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i.
\end{aligned}$$

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Note  $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_K]^T$ . For scalar  $x_i \in \mathbf{x}$ , we have  $x_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ . And  $\forall i, j \in [1, K], i \neq j, E\{x_i x_i\} = 1, E\{x_i x_j\} = 0$ . We write the mean of  $\mathbf{y}$  as

$$\begin{aligned} E\{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}\} &= E\{x_1 x_1 + \dots + x_K x_K\} \\ &= E\{x_1 x_1\} + \dots + E\{x_K x_K\} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^K E\{x_i x_i\} \\ &= K. \end{aligned}$$

The variance of  $\mathbf{y}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\mathbf{y}) &= E\{(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} - K)(\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} - K)^T\} \\ &= E\{\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{x}\} - 2E\{\mathbf{x} \mathbf{x}^T\}K + K^2 \\ &= E\{(x_1 x_1 + \dots + x_K x_K)(x_1 x_1 + \dots + x_K x_K)\} - K^2 \\ &= E\left\{\sum_{i=1}^K x_i x_i x_i x_i\right\} + E\left\{\sum_{\forall i, j \in [1, K], i \neq j} x_i x_i x_j x_j\right\} - K^2 \\ &= KE\{x_i x_i x_i x_i\} + (K^2 - K)E\{x_i x_i x_j x_j\} - K^2 \\ &= 2K. \end{aligned}$$

Note that here we use the Isserlis' Theorem and equation (2.40), that

$$E\{x_i x_i x_i x_i\} = 3E\{x_i x_i\}E\{x_i x_i\} = 3.$$

and

$$E\{x_i x_i x_j x_j\} = E\{x_i x_i\}E\{x_j x_j\} + 2E\{x_i x_j\}E\{x_i x_j\} = 1.$$

## References